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SUBJECT: SWEDEN: ATTENDANCE AND OBJECTIVES AT THE AD-HOC  
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

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Amb. Robert Rydberg, who heads the MFA's Middle East Unit (A/S equivalent), will represent Sweden at the September 22 AHLC meeting. MFA Director for International Cooperation Jan Knutsson may also attend the meeting, MFA Mediterranean Group Chief Frederik Floren told POL Counselor September 16. As EU President, Sweden will offer strong support for PM Fayyad's two-year plan and indicate a readiness of the EU "to do more." Sweden plans also to raise concerns over movement and access issues in the West Bank and over the need to open the Gaza borders. Sweden also expects to praise the recent decision of increased donor support from the United States and Saudi Arabia but "does not expect a new decision now" on additional EU support, despite the anticipated end of year shortfalls. Rather, it is "important that the Arabs now pay more and follow up on commitments made at the Paris Conference," Floren said.  
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